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SUBJECT: EURODIF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT

1. EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY IS SPECULATING THAT POMPIDOU PLANS TO ANNOUNCE AT EC SUMMIT, NOW SCHEDULED FOR DEC 14-15, FIRM PLANS TO PROCEED WITH EURODIF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH AEC HQS STAFF INDICATE PRESENT REQUIREMENT TO SIGN ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS WITH USAEC IN CERTAIN CASES BY DEC 31, 1973, WILL PROBABLY BE CHANGED TO MAKE THE DEADLINE JUNE 30, 1974. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCH A DECISION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WOULD REDUCE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY FIRM PLAN TO PROCEED WITH EURODIF AS IT WOULD PROVIDE POTENTIAL USAEC CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER 7 MONTHS TO FIRM UP THEIR PLANS FOR PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM. SUCH ACTION WOULD VERY LIKELY NOT RESULT IN LOSS OF POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS TO THE USAEC AS THE MAJOR CONCERN OF THE UTILITIES IS STILL RELIABILITY OF SUPPLY RATHER THAN PRICE AND HAVING 7 MORE MONTHS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT WILL NOT PROVIDE EURODIF AN OPPORTUNITY TO SATISFY THE RELIABILITY QUESTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, GRANTING THE ADDITIONAL 7-MONTH PERIOD TO OUR POTENTIAL FOREIGN CUSTOMERS

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WILL MAKE US SOME FRIENDS IN AN AREA WHERE IT IS SORELY NEEDED

BY (1) A TANGIBLE INDICATION THAT THE USAEC IS NOT TRYING TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL COMPETITION BY REQUIRING COMMITMENTS FOR LONG TERM CONTRACTS BEFORE EURODIF AND URENCO CAN ESTABLISH FIRM PLANS FOR AN EUROPEAN ENRICHMENT CAPACITY AND (2) PROVIDE TIME TO DEVELOP BETTER DATA ON THEIR 10- YEAR REQUIREMENT WITH OR WITHOUT PU RECYCLE.

2. AEC BRUSSELS WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE OF ANY DECISION TO CHANGE DEC 31, 1973, DEADLINE DATE AS THERE IS STRONG OBLIGATION TO ADVISE THOSE CUSTOMERS WITH WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY MET AND ESTABLISHED DATES BY WHICH APPENDICES A AND B ARE REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED. GREENWALD

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